

Central Valley Flood Management Planning Program

FloodSAFE VISION

A sustainable integrated flood management and emergency response system throughout California that improves public safety, protects and enhances environmental and cultural resources, and supports economic growth by reducing the probability of destructive floods, promoting beneficial floodplain processes, and lowering the damages caused by flooding.



The purpose of the Central Valley Flood Management Planning (CVFMP) Program is to improve integrated flood management in the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys. Legislation passed in 2007 directs the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) to develop three important documents that will guide improvement of integrated flood management:

- **State Plan of Flood Control (SPFC) Descriptive Document** to inventory and describe the flood management facilities, land, programs, conditions, and mode of operations and maintenance for the State-federal flood protection system in the Central Valley.
- **Flood Control System Status Report** to assess the status of the facilities included in the SPFC Descriptive Document, identify deficiencies, and make recommendations.
- **Central Valley Flood Protection Plan (CVFPP)** to describe a sustainable, integrated flood management plan that reflects a system-wide approach for protecting areas of the Central Valley currently receiving protection from flooding by existing facilities of the SPFC. DWR is required to prepare the CVFPP by January 1, 2012, for adoption by the Central Valley Flood Protection Board by July 1, 2012, and to update the plan every five years (years ending in 2 and 7).

Completion of the SPFC Descriptive Document and the Flood Control System Status Report will contribute to development of the CVFPP along with existing information and new data developed by other FloodSAFE programs and projects, including the Central Valley Floodplain Evaluation and Delineation Program, Delta Risk Management Strategy, Central Valley Flood Planning Hydrology Update, California Levee Database, and Levee Evaluation Program.



The CVFPP Vision

The CVFPP will be a sustainable, integrated flood management plan describing the existing flood risk in the Central Valley and recommending actions to reduce the probability and consequences of flooding. Produced in partnership with federal, tribal, local, and regional partners and other interested parties, the CVFPP will also identify the mutual goals, objectives, and constraints important in the planning process; distinguish plan elements that address mutual flood risks; and, finally, recommend improvements to the State-federal flood protection system.

As the initial installment of this long-term planning document, the 2012 CVFPP will:

- Document and promote understanding of integrated flood management factors including existing conditions and likely future challenges, problems, and opportunities, goals and objectives, and potential solutions for improving integrated flood management in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley. These factors will be described from multiple perspectives including state, federal, tribal, regional, local, and other interest-based groups.
- Develop a broadly supported vision for how to improve integrated flood management in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley.

“Meeting the goals of integrated flood management in the Central Valley will require system-wide planning and close collaboration among different levels of government, the public, business, and other interests. We at DWR are committed to provide leadership and a forum for that collaboration and big-picture thinking.”

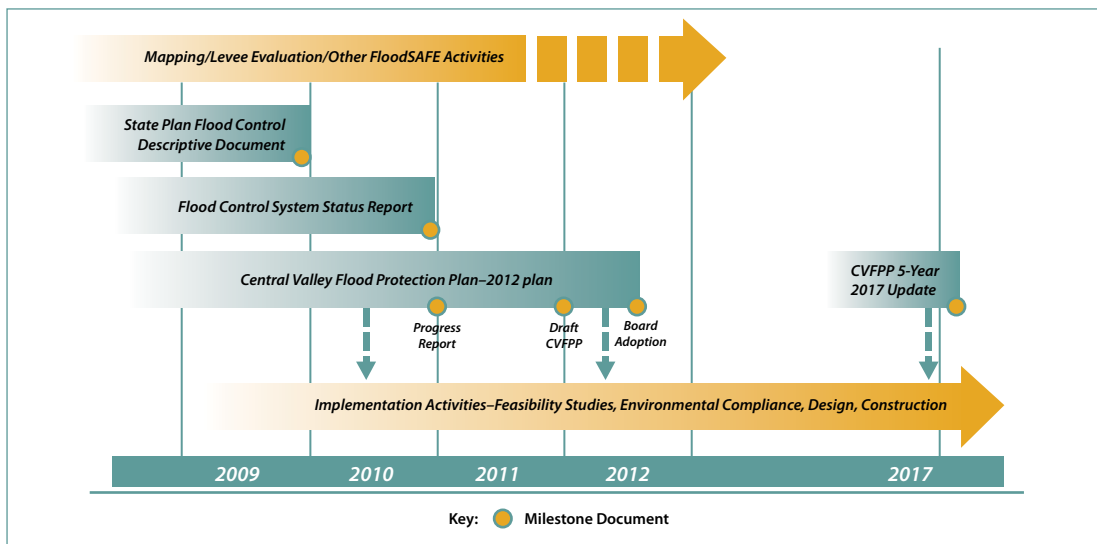
Lester Snow, Director
California Department of Water Resources

The CVFPP will support and guide many implementation activities by state, federal, and local agencies for subsequent feasibility studies, environmental compliance, design, and construction. Development of the CVFPP will be coordinately closely with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Central Valley Integrated Flood Management Study.

CVFPP Development Strategy

The core planning activity of the CVFMP is development of the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan. With the intent to develop an integrated flood management plan that is sustainable in social, economic, and environmental aspects, DWR has developed a systematic planning approach and a robust process for engaging the public, interested parties, and knowledgeable experts. The engagement process features a variety of opportunities for people to become involved in the planning process, including attendance at informational forums and participation in work groups, where content and strategy recommendations will be developed. *(Please see our “How to Get Involved” fact sheet for more detailed information.)*

Central Valley Flood Management Planning Program Schedule and Major Deliverables



For more information on the Central Valley Flood Management Planning Program, please visit www.water.ca.gov/cvfmp or email us at cvfmp@water.ca.gov.